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AUPE prepares hospital workers to take action

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

The Alberta Union of Provincial Employees launched a team in Didsbury last week to spur 200 members into action should Alberta Health Services close the hospital or reduce services.

"We are hitting every city and small town in the province ... we want to be ready if Alberta Health Services makes any big changes," said Glen Scott, vice president for AUPE.

"Because we think cutting security may just be the first step."

Didsbury hospital workers were told last December that they would have to get by without two in-house security guards this spring as part of Alberta Health Services ongoing attempts to cut costs.

The medical superboard said it's trimming back protective services provincewide after discovering 40 per cent of its hospitals were making do without security while others had more personnel than needed.

"What we're trying to do is create a better balance of resources across the province ... so rural type sites that never had protective services before, get access," said Tom Weeks, AHS director of protective services and parking, in December.

Two hundred positions are expected to be lost with 100 of those absorbed by contract workers. The hospital security force will be reduced by 90 people or 20 per cent overall, Weeks said.

Didsbury's hospital will be operating without security when the changes come into effect and relying instead on a mobile unit that will be dispatched about twice weekly — more often if called.

The change from in-house security to mobile patrol units was originally expected to happen April 1 but the date has now been moved back to May 1, according to Scott.

Deb Wilson, a receptionist at the mental health unit, went to the AUPE meeting last Friday and said she is concerned about the change.

She was threatened twice, before the hospital got security two years ago.

"I never know who is going to come through the door, how stable they are or what will trigger them ... things can happen in a matter of minutes and it is comforting to know security is right there if I need them," she said.

"I'm working the front line. I feel vulnerable ... we are all women on that floor. Now our only hope is the RCMP."

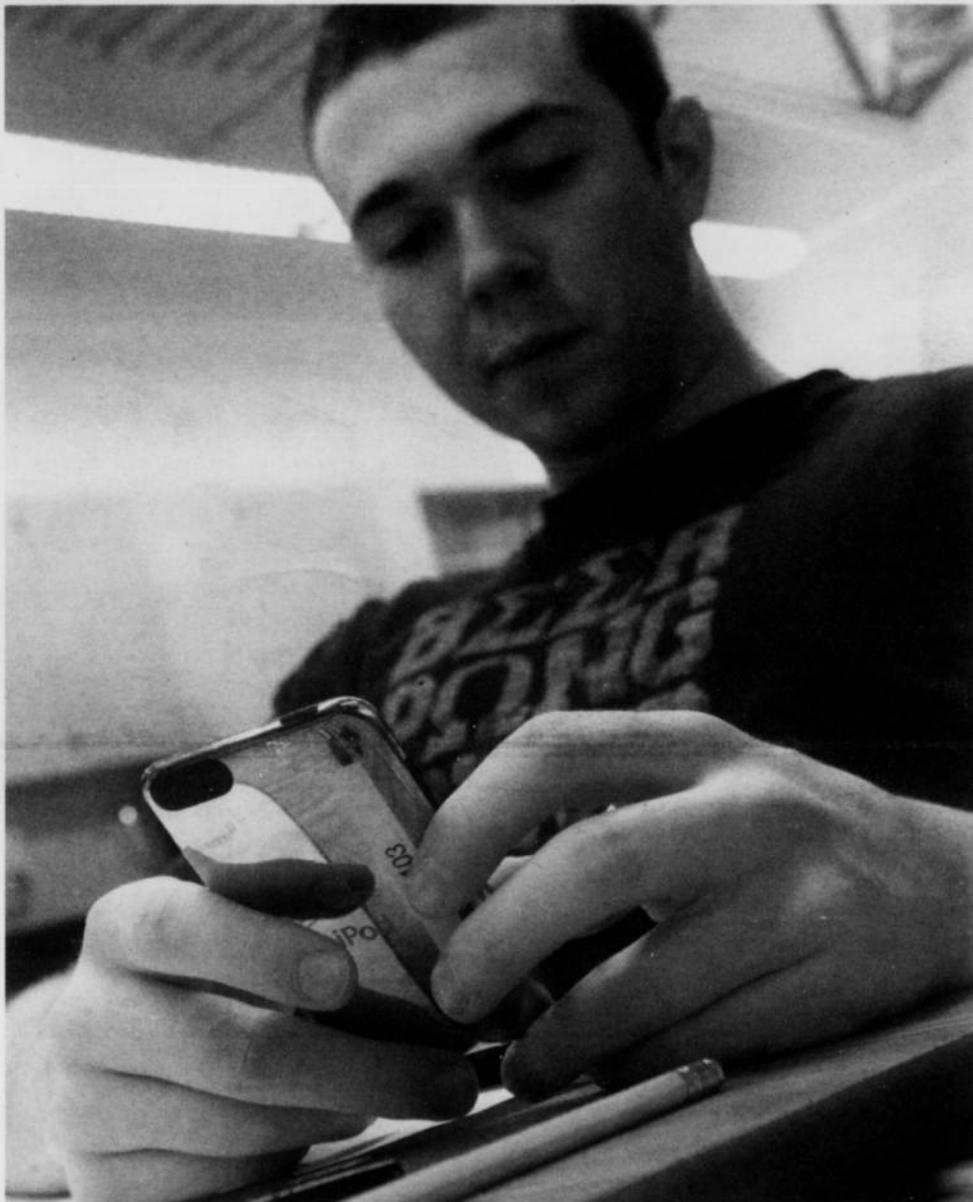
Other hospital workers attending the meeting feared this was only the first of several department cuts.

"Who are they going to pluck out of here next?" said Sherry Tschirriter, an AUPE chair for general support staff in Didsbury.

Scott believes there is still a possibility Alberta Health Services will overturn its decision to cut security as union members continue to petition and voice opposition.

"This isn't just about saving two jobs. It's about sending government a message early on that they can't do this and prevent them from making other larger cuts," Scott said.

And part of the battle is creating teams that will spur all members into action — whether protest or public meetings — if government stays the course and continues to reduce staff and services.



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Didsbury High School Grade 12 student Curtis Smith uses a school iPod to help with learning.

DHS buys students iPods

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

Didsbury High students thumbing through iPod applications last week weren't breaking any rules.

They were following a lesson plan.

Terry Ann Robertson had her biology class search through apps Wednesday afternoon as part of a pilot project aimed at boosting student learning.

"It was definitely a surprise ... I mean iPods are usually something we hide under the desk when we are in class," said Kat Graves, 15.

"I never thought we'd be using it to learn."

Robertson purchased a class set — or 20 — iPods for the school with a \$7,000 allowance from the Alberta Initiative for School Innovation, a program that encourages new forms of learning.

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Student iPods

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Students throughout the school could be using the technology for their studies as early as this week – if teachers allow.

It's the first time apps have been used school-wide in the district, said Shawn Russell, assistant superintendent for Chinook's Edge School Division.

"I have heard of a few teachers dabbling with it ... by allowing a student to use his own iPod if he has it with him. This is new," he said.

The idea is to get students to use iPods in classrooms to complement traditional education.

They will be able to pull out the hand-held device to listen to a French video on YouTube, check grammar during an English class, or calculate math equations.

"I am having students create a top 50 list of apps we can use – both free and ones we will invest in," Robertson said.

"This is about making education part of students' real world ... this is what they are into right now and we are showing them it can be used for things beyond music and games."

There are only enough

iPods for classes to take turns using the technology, but the hope is once this catches on, each set of students will have their own. Further funding from the Alberta government could also mean the purchase of iPads, a similar technology with an oversized screen that will allow students to download books and school texts.

The technology could mean savings for DHS, which wouldn't have to spend updating its text or purchasing laptop computers.

Students too could save on equipment like graph and scientific calculators, which are required for senior level studies – since a lot of school supplies are applications on iPods.

"This is really, really exciting," said Miranda Braxall, 14, a student in Robertson's class.

"It's a connection with students and what we're interested in ... it definitely seems like something you'd see more in a private school."

Her classmate, Shyanne Reimer, 14, agrees the technology is thrilling but wonders how quickly teachers will catch on.

Teachers seem to hate the new technology students are playing around with, it's hard to imagine

them allowing it at all, she said.

But Robertson said students could be surprised.

Seventeen teachers turned out to a daylong seminar on teaching with iPods last Friday, including math and physics teacher, Iain Paton.

He is the first to admit to being technologically challenged – and he rejects things like checking email, preferring the more traditional in-person chats.

"There is just so much technology, I can't keep up. But I am willing to play around with this," he said.

He can see the benefit of having a class set of iPods, after having a dose of apps last week.

He was preparing to call up the P.E. Department for a Physics 20 experiment, 15 minutes before the class ended.

"I needed stopwatches and thought, OK, this is going to take awhile. I have to go down and talk with the P.E. guys, get some stopwatches, check to see if they work and start the exercise," he said.

"Then a student said he had this stopwatch app on his iPod and I asked others if they had one and five or six more pulled one out of their pocket. It saved us a lot of time."



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

ISMART - Grade 12 Didsbury High School students Will Hadway, Nolan McInnis, Curtis Smith and Sydney Davey work with class iPods.

our own time figuring this out."

But Paton is also concerned he, and other teachers, aren't being given enough time to learn on the hand-held devices and create lesson plans.

"I mean we have a half day to learn it and then we are expected to teach with it (this) week," Paton said.

"That isn't enough time and probably means we will have to spend a lot of

daily logs that will fit right into the P.E. curriculum, he said.

"I think this is going to be slow to take off but eventually it'll be in all the classrooms," he said.

"It's kind of like Proxima machines. At first teachers said it was too complicated and they didn't want to try it and now they can't do without it."

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Alberta pharmacy plan questioned

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

Didsbury Value Drug Mart owner Brad Blatz is "nervous" and "concerned" about the overhaul of Alberta's pharmacy strategy.

While Margaret Baril, pharmacist at Didsbury Pharmasave, has "always hoped this day would come."

As part of a multi-year overhaul of how pharmacies operate in this province, pharmacists will be paid for drug therapy consultations, managing prescriptions, inoculations and diagnoses — services they've always provided for free.

The changes will also reduce the price of new generic drugs to 45 per cent from 75 per cent of the cost of a brand name drug, beginning April 1. Existing generics will cost 56 per cent of the brand name.

According to government, the new pricing represents up to \$100 million in potential savings for regular Albertans — but Blatz says the strategy could mean cash cuts for rural pharmacies, that get most of their revenue from prescriptions.

The government has allocated \$75 million allowance on drugs to ease the way into the new strategy. That means pharmacists will receive \$13.19 per prescription up from \$10.19, starting April 1. Another five million is available for rural and remote pharmacies.

An allowance helps



Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

Brad Blatz, owner of the Didsbury Value Drug Mart, fills an order.

somewhat — but there could still be significant losses to pharmacies if they can't recoup losses through reimbursements, Blatz said.

And government still hasn't pinned down how they are going to pay pharmacists for services starting July 1.

"We haven't seen the model on how this will work. We don't know how much we are going to be reimbursed or whether the government even has a plan at this point," Blatz said.

"If what they propose is practical, then this is excellent and something pharmacy has been advocating for, for a long, long time. But it all hinges on that reimbursement model," he said.

Some pharmacies — like the Hanna Value Drug Mart — unsure of how the Alberta Pharmaceutical Strategy will play out have already

closed their doors or are looking to move to provinces where they can make a better profit, Blatz said.

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BRAD BLATZ
Value Drug Mart

He and his wife don't have any plans to leave but say if cuts are too deep, it

may mean scaling back hours of operation or staff at the local store.

Margaret Baril, owner of Didsbury Pharmasave, isn't as worried and says the changes to how pharmacies are run in the province are much needed.

"They are going to pay professionals for what they do and that's exciting. Obviously it will mean a reduced income to pharmacists but it's not as bad as it could have been and it's encouraging for pharmacists to take on more," she said.

"We didn't go to school for five years to just dispense drugs."

Baril is one of nearly 200 Alberta pharmacists involved with a pilot project called the Alberta Pharmacy Practice Models Initiative (PPMI) that wraps up March 31.

The program is looking at how pharmacists can shift from simply dispensing drugs to providing expanded care directly to patients.

Baril has been scheduling one-on-one appointments with patients to help plan medication and make sure patients are meeting their health targets. Her only concern of Alberta's new strategy, is what will happen to her patients between the completion of the pilot and when pharmacists are paid for services in July.

"Am I just done until then? Can I be compensated for helping people during that transition period? I don't know," she said.

Memorial Park honours classmates

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

Didsbury High School will be turning to the community for help in preserving the memory of two classmates who died last year.

Students, still grieving the loss of Rita MacIntosh and Lucas Fulton, plan on sending out donation tins to businesses this month to

raise money for a memorial park.

It's still in the early stages of development but the group hopes to lay the groundwork for an outdoor space by this spring. Gerard Fournier of For Trees has offered to do the design work for the school, which could be as simple as creating an area with a picnic table and bench or as elaborate as

an outdoor learning space.

"I hope we can see this done by the end of the year ... everyone felt their losses and we want to make sure that even when we graduate there is something left here in memory of Luc and Rita," said Lauren Smith, a Grade 12 student.

Lucas took his own life August 25, 2009, weeks before school began. He was 17 years old. Fifteen-year-old Rita died four months earlier, on May 25, in a single-vehicle rollover.

More students are expected to help with the project as it gains momentum.

"This is about coming together for Luc and Rita ... they were a big part of our school and it would be nice to have a quiet area to remember them at," said Sarah Bell, Grade 12.

Didsbury up for award

Recruitment program solved doctor shortage, town says

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

Two years ago, Dr. Andrew Jackson could thumb through his mail on any given day and find an offer to practise somewhere else.

"It was very much a doctors' market," he said.

"With a shortage, communities everywhere were desperate to find physicians and as a doctor you had your pick of where you wanted to go."

Jackson decided to make the switch from Pincher Creek to Didsbury to set up Silverfern Medical Clinic, after being wooed by town officials and the

community itself.

"I liked the rural atmosphere ... it's somewhere I wanted to raise my family and the town was really encouraging," he said.

"There was fanfare that showed me that the community really wanted and appreciated me going there."

In 2006, Didsbury was on the brink of a doctor shortage crisis.

The town, which boasted 4,500 people and a hospital, had two local doctors and one of them said he was burning out. He wanted support staff to help him in his new clinic, but efforts to recruit physicians were a flop.

"We had a lot of competition. Communities were

offering doctors homes, cars and money to set up a practice," said Colleen Gustavson, coordinator of economic development.

"We needed to come up with something of our own ... that wouldn't put a lot of pressure on our taxpayers."

Town officials came up with the idea to sell the community to doctors and their families as a place to live, work and play.

Prospective doctors, like Andrew Jackson, would be wooed with an all-expenses paid weekend to explore the community, golf and dine with the mayor.

They'd also get a community welcome and an

offer for a \$50,000 interest free loan. Ten thousand would be written off if the doctor stayed in town for a minimum of four years.

Jackson was sold on the community. It was the right balance for his family, he said.

"... And the interest free loan took the bite out of setting up a practice."

Three other physicians have also come to Didsbury, allowing the town to call their recruitment program a success. They recently nominated themselves for Alberta Rural Physician's recruitment and retention award.

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Opinion

Disease eradication requires government leadership

DAN SINGLETON

Newly released medical statistics point to a troubling increase in the number of syphilis cases in the province – something that should spur the Stelmach government into immediate action.

According to Alberta Health, there were 263 syphilis cases reported in 2009, an increase of seven percent over 2008 and a huge jump from just 10 years ago, when there was not a single case reported.

The Public Health Agency of Canada says that cases of syphilis in Alberta are now more than twice the national average, and second only to the Northwest Territories in overall infection rates.

While the increasing number of syphilis cases is bad news for the adult Albertans infected, it is even worse news for an increasing number of newborns – six babies were born last year with congenital syphilis and three of those subsequently died of the disease.

While syphilis is usually treatable by a single antibiotic shot, if left untreated it can lead to brain damage, heart failure and other serious ailments.

Alberta's top physician, Dr. Andre Corriveau, says the rise in cases of syphilis points to a need for all stakeholders, including the provincial government, to do more to fight this insidious and sometimes deadly disease.

"A lot of the work against syphilis had to be slowed down because of the response to H1N1," said Corriveau. "We want our syphilis rates to go back to zero, the way they were a decade ago."

The jump in syphilis cases can be attributed, at least in part, to a lack of leadership on the part of the Stelmach government, the opposition parties say.

"People need to understand that the rates of syphilis we're seeing in Alberta are extremely high for an industrialized society in which we have a modern health-care system," said NDP leader Brian Mason. "So it indicates a real failure somewhere of the leadership in health care in the province."

There's no question that as the principle provider of health services in Alberta, the provincial government has an obligation to do whatever it can to fight syphilis and other wholly preventable sexually transmitted diseases.

The government should perhaps look to the recent successful H1N1 public awareness campaign as a model for a new campaign aimed at heightening overall awareness of sexually transmitted disease prevention.

In any event, Health Minister Gene Zwozdesky can make a positive and immediate mark on his new portfolio by making one of his first priorities the battle against the scourge of syphilis.

Failure to do so will, of course, only prove the opposition parties right when they claim, yet again, that the Stelmach Tories are failing to show sufficient health-care leadership.

Correction

In the March 2 issue of the Didsbury Review the story titled "Town puzzles over province's funding gaps" incorrectly identified Roy Brown as chief financial officer when he holds the title of chief administrative officer.



Letters to the editor

Considering pool closure was bad idea

I bought a house in town three years ago and have had a hard time adjusting to the way the Town of Didsbury is run. I can deal with garbage piling up because the town only collects garbage every other week, and I can deal with the fact I've seen more town residents on their quads and bobcats moving snow off our streets than any Town of Didsbury employees. I can even deal with the poor design, construction and constant re-landscaping of the ball diamonds. But the thing that's pushing me over the edge is a gun-ho bylaw officer going around town chalking people's tires and telling them their vehicle has to be moved every 72 hours or it will be towed. This guy is just trying to justify a job that can't be justified in the first place.

And then I read in the paper that the town was thinking about shutting down our pool and busing patrons to Olds to use their pool instead. As a kid in Didsbury I can remember fundraising campaigns and a community coming together to build a new pool for Didsbury. It

couldn't have turned out better and now years later the town considers closing the doors. I've grown up in Didsbury my whole life and as a kid other than the hockey rink and the swimming pool there's nothing to do in this town. It's not just the youth that rely on this pool; it's a facility for kayak lessons, boot camp, aquaize, and other activities for all ages. It also opens the doors for local jobs that train people on how to look out for one another. You shut down our pool, you shut down a part of our community.

I can handle the fact that I'm going to have to start parking my vehicle on my front lawn when I go on a holiday so that the bylaw officer doesn't tow my truck because it hasn't moved for 72 hours. But mark my words if you ever shut down our pool, it will be a giant step in the wrong direction for the Town of Didsbury.

Matt Tuggle
Didsbury

Didsbury's pool will stay open

Re: "Council debates service cuts, tax increase" on page 1 of the February 23, 2010 Didsbury Review.

At this year's annual budget meeting council reviewed the services that the Town of Didsbury provides to its residents and surrounding service area and assessed the cost attached to each of these services. With the importance on minimizing the tax burden placed on our residents, council wanted to have an understanding of the actual cost to provide these services and what other alternatives may be available. The possibility of pool closure or a reduction in operating hours was one of the services that received much attention due to the high cost to operate the facility. Part of the reason for this discussion was to bring to light the costs of operating the aquatic centre on a per resident basis so that everyone has a clear understanding of how much of their tax dollars goes into that facility each year. Based on 2009, 11% of your tax dollars was spent on the operations of the aquatic centre. That works out to just over \$90 per resident per year.

What council learned is that a reduction in operating hours would provide some financial savings; however, the overall benefit to residents to have a pool in our community is invaluable. The aquatic centre plays an integral part in encouraging healthy activity in our community through both leisure swimming and competitive sport. In addition, the aquatic centre is a key economic magnet for enticing both residential and commercial development in our town.

I want to clarify that council did support the 2010 operating budget for the aquatic centre and will not be closing the facility.

Going forward council has asked for more recommendations on what the town can do to reduce the financial loss the aquatic centre experiences each year. This helps to ensure we operate a top-notch facility in the most efficient manner possible for our residents.

Brian Wittal
Mayor

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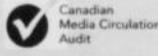
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Date: March 23, 2010

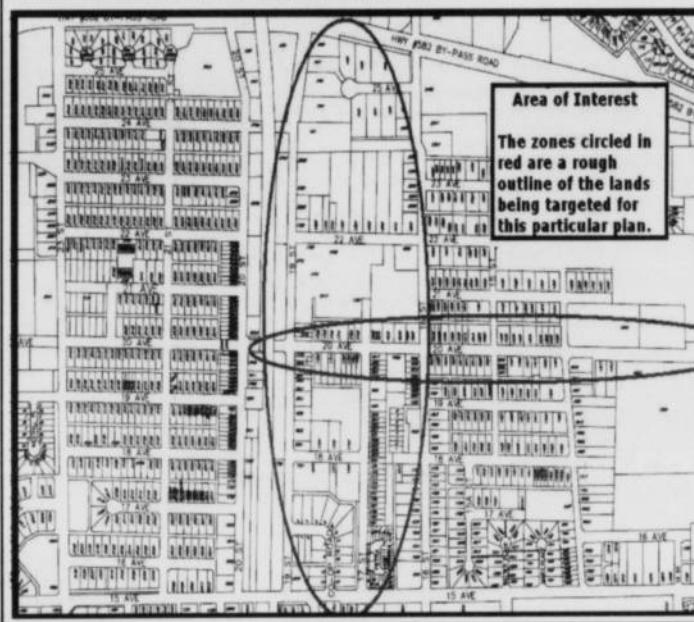
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Didsbury Multi - Purpose Room (Recreation Centre)

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to planning@didsbury.ca or call 403-335-7351.

Check our website for more information: www.didsbury.ca

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• **MOTHERS UNITE SALE** - has been rescheduled for March 13, 2010. Tables are still available to rent. Don't miss this chance to spring clean your children's toys, clothing, furniture and make a few extra \$'s. Call DNP to book your table now.

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* first session 6:00pm - 7:30pm

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Police back on the beat after Olympic Games

Watching Team Canada net gold was a highlight for RCMP member

BY TAMARA
CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

Didsbury's Const. Shane Williams kept his cool during his stint at the Olympic Games.

He didn't ask Canada's curling gold medallist, Kevin Martin, for an autograph or snap photos of NHL stars Sidney Crosby and Martin Brodeur as they walked by.

Not even Canadian Olympic figure skater Joannie Rochette could crack his calm.

But when he watched

Canada's hockey team score for a win on the last day of the Games, he roared with the rest of Canada.

"I was able to catch the gold medal men's hockey game on one of the TVs in the work tent during a couple of my breaks," Williams said.

"It was funny but the TV had some delays but because we were so close to where the hockey was being played we could hear people screaming before I watched the goal going in ... I knew it was coming and I just freaked out."

Williams and Const. Kent Shaw were posted to the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver and only returned from the job last week.

It is an experience not soon forgotten, they said.

Williams was posted at the athlete's village in downtown Vancouver late January, to search vehicles that were picking up athletes and driving them back.

"I was the guy with the mirror, checking to see if anything was taped beneath the car," he said.

"I never found anything."

The athlete's village was quiet - free of Olympic protests found in other areas of Vancouver, he said.

"It was a place athletes could just be at ease and be themselves before a game," he said.

He saw several athletes - including Kevin Martin, Joannie Rochette and one of the Sedin brothers, who was playing for Sweden - walk around the village, a series of condos on Vancouver's waterfront.

He wasn't permitted go up to any of the athletes, though they were free to come up to him and say hi,

and some athletes did, he said.

Shaw, who screened vehicles on Cypress Mountain throughout February, saw little action on the hill where Canada won its first gold medal.

"From where I was I could only see the top part of the aerials and moguls," he said.

"I got to see the part where they were in the air, but that was about it."

Shaw spent his days off braving crowds of cheering Canadians to tour the venues downtown, but by far, his favourite part of being a

part of the Games was seeing the scenery.

"It is just beautiful out there," he said of Vancouver.



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Police briefs

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Drug bust

Police busted a 35-year-old woman driving with cocaine, ecstasy, psilocybin mushrooms and marijuana, during a routine patrol along Hwy 2 last week.

The car was speeding along the main roadway at 2 a.m., March 3, when police pulled it over and found the drugs. The woman has been charged with possession of controlled substances.

Cars vandalized

The police are investigating a rash of attempted car thefts in Carstairs that left seven vehicles with smashed steering columns,

damaged door locks and broken windows.

On Feb. 21 a man in a dark hoodie fled a residence on Centre Street last week after reportedly kicking in the windows of a van and riffling through it.

The next morning six other vehicles were found damaged on Milt Ford Lane, Osler Street, McDonald Close, and Gough Road.

RCMP Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said investigators believe it could have been the same man attempting to steal one of the cars.

It can be common for a thief to target several vehicles, "if they don't know what they are doing ... certainly it's not easy to steal a

vehicle and given the age of these - in the 1990s - he was looking for an easy target," Jacobson said.

Police are seeking the public's help in reporting anything suspicious overnight on Feb. 21.

Man calls 911 to save deer

An Edmonton man called 911 for police assistance after finding an injured deer, 20 kilometres east of Didsbury, last week.

On March 1, a driver asked for police assistance in picking up the deer, hit on Hwy 582, to take it to a veterinary emergency room in Red Deer.

"It's obviously not something we do," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

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For more information ph. - 403-335-4451

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For more information please contact

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Story time for preschoolers continues at the library at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings until March 25. Rhymes, songs and stories. Register at the library – no fee. Parents or caregivers must remain in the library during the program.

Thurs. Mar. 11

This is seniors' afternoon at Eldon Foote Hall at the train station. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Come and enjoy meeting new people and taking part in the entertainment. Refreshments are served to all.

Fri. Mar. 12

Have you phoned Bea at 403-335-3058 to reserve your seat on the Community Bus leaving the complex at 5 p.m. to go to the concert at the Bert Church Theatre in Airdrie?

Sun. Mar. 14

All the members of the Didsbury Figure Skating Club and their coaches will appreciate your support at the Annual Ice Carnival starting at 2 p.m. in the Didsbury Arena.

Mon. Mar. 15

Author and illustrator Martin Springett will make two presentations at the Didsbury Library today at 9:00 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m. This is ideal for Grades 3 and up. Parents and grandparents welcome.

Tues. Mar. 16

Lunch at the Library – Bring your lunch at noon and learn about "The Power of the Mind" with Ralene Papke. Our minds are a very powerful tool so how about learning ways for your mind to work with you instead of against you and ways to have a more successful life. You will be learning "The Theory of the Mind" – three steps to successful ways of Thinking and The Power of Visualization. If you can see it, you can believe it, you can achieve it.

Fri. Mar. 19

Cribbage play starts at 7:00 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. You are welcome to join in the card games and to enjoy the coffee and goodies served.

Are you ready for this year's Wellness Challenge – an opportunity to become the healthiest person you can be and great prizes to be won! This challenge will be held from Mar. 17 to June 8. Go to a pharmacy and talk to the pharmacist about signing up. The pick up of the wellness kits, which include a pedometer, will be held at the MP Room at the complex on Mar. 17. Please phone Leah at 403-335-7065 for all the information.

Mar. 17 - 21

The St. Patrick's Annual Closing Mixed Bonspiel is on at the Didsbury Curling Rink. Entries are being taken by Nick Baran 403-335-8433 or Wanda at 403-335-4526 or at the curling rink 403-335-3661.

Sat. Mar. 20

St. Hilda's Chapter #27, Order of the Easter Star annual card party will be held at the Masonic Hall, play starts at 7 p.m. All proceeds are for the Didsbury Scholarship Fund. There is also door prizes and a hearty lunch for all. Please phone Birgit 335-3680 to reserve your tickets.

The Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 25th Annual Didsbury Art, Travel and Trade Expo at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on Apr. 10th and 11th. Booths are selling fast. Contact Deana at the chamber office 403-335-3265 or info@didsburychamber.ca.

Team eyes wild card berth

DHS senior boys confident they can reach provincials

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

The Dragons know few outside of the senior boys locker room think they can gain a berth against zone stars, Drumheller Composite and St. Joseph Collegiate, this week.

And that's fine, said coach Jeff Johnson.

"On paper it doesn't look good. We're ranked seventh," he said.

"But we have a strong team ... we've been keeping up with or beating a lot of the top ranked schools and if we peak in zones, I think we have a chance."

Johnson expects there will be two berths into provincials at Daysland High. South Central found out Monday, after press time, whether it would be handed a wild card.

And a additional berth is just what this team hopes for.

It's one more opportunity for the Dragons, who've been dreaming of reaching

the provincial level since they first hit the hardcourt four years ago.

"We started working hard in Grade 7 and then decided we wanted provincials. We've been doggedly chasing that goal ever since," Johnson said.

The Dragons have moved through the junior and junior varsity levels together, becoming unbeatable in league play. In 2008 they placed second in zones and won the 2A tournament by 40 points the following year.

This is the first year at the senior level for much of the team, which currently holds 30-23-8. It placed first for the regular season and blazed through the initial round of playoffs against Olds High School.

They were 10 points ahead of the team in the first quarter and jumped ahead another 10 after halftime. Forward Braden Overwater provided the shooting power and solid defence against the advancing team, while post

Nathan Tucker shot 7 for 7 from the field.

But the team lost to rival Hugh Sutherland for the league championships last Monday, 57-46.

"We started working hard in Grade 7 and then decided we wanted provincials. We've been doggedly chasing that goal ever since."

JEFF JOHNSON
Coach

It was disappointing for the team, Johnson said, - though win or lose they will still play zones as hosts March 12-13.

"We are really going to

amount of work Didsbury did to recruit doctors paid off," he said.

"Five or six years ago, we were very short on doctors and there seemed

put an effort in this tournament," said post James Lefebvre.

"It won't be easy with such a strong zone ... but I think we can step it up," he said.

Point guard Jordan Poffenroth said he believes the Dragons are on their way towards peaking and that showed during a Canmore tournament two weeks ago.

"We are holding teams to the 50s and 60s. I think we can only go up from here."

Johnson agrees the team has built an intense defence. The trick will be putting points on the board against teams who can also hold their own, he said.

"Our scoring distribution is good. There is real depth to this team ... we don't rely on just one or two players to score. The whole team can do it," he said.

"But in zones ... we will have to get points on the board against some of the big teams. That will be a challenge."

to be no real easy answer to recruit doctors here. Now, look, we have about six doctors and we continue to build on that strength.'

Award

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DHS senior girls win league

Victory marks first championship in 12 years

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review staff

The Didsbury senior girls basketball team knocked Olds High School out of top spot in a surprise upset last week, earning its first league championship in 12 years.

"It was epic ... the best feeling ever," said wing Deena Durstling.

"I was jumping up and down in the air, we all were."

The team was trailing behind Olds until halftime, when it was able to pull ahead by one, then two, to lead to a 46-43 win.

The girls have always been a second half team, said coach Lorne Code.

"They don't usually play the first 20 minutes and that's where we've gotten some losses, but this game they played the full 40. They really gave it their all."

Code said point guard Meg Verbeek was stealing balls and

pressuring the opposition, while players like post Amy Leclaire took over the rebounding and boxing out and Deena Durstling helped put the points on the board.

"We definitely came out as a team and it showed," Leclaire said.

**"It was epic ... the best feeling ever.
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in the air, we all were."**

DEENA DURSTLING
senior girls basketball

The team is playing in High River for zones March 12-13 against top

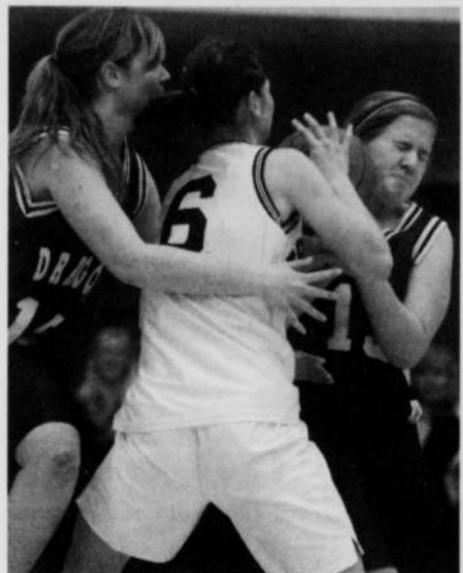
teams, like St. Joseph Collegiate out of Brooks and Hanna's JC Charyk School. The Dragons currently sit fifth and are aiming to rank third or fourth by the end of zones.

"We've been pretty close to teams in second and third place so if we do what we did against Olds, then I think we could beat them," said Verbeek.

"It won't be easy. This is a good solid zone, but I think we could have a chance if we keep up our talking and play the whole game."

The senior girls are expected to play against St. Joseph's Collegiate during the first round of zones, next Friday. If they win, they could be playing Hanna, who is currently ranked fourth in the province by the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association.

Provincials are the following weekend in Hanna — and could allow for a wild card berth.



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

BALL BATTLE - Didsbury Dragon Emily Nussbaum takes it on the chin while wrestling for the ball against Olds Spartan Kelcie Frate. Teammate Lorain Buck attempts to help. The Dragons lost the JV League title game 61-38.

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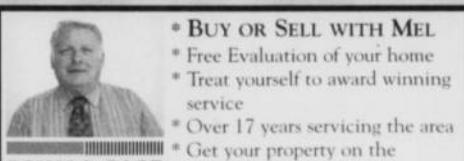
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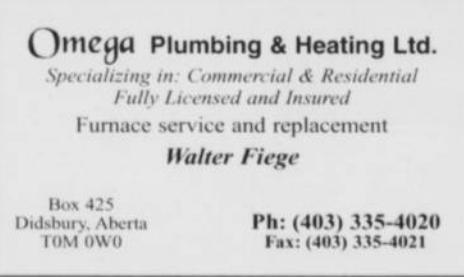
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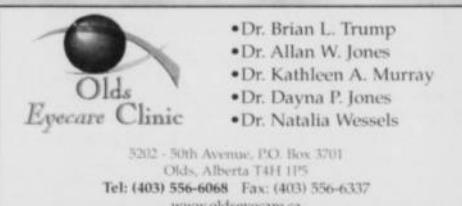
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Funeral Service

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DIDSBUY REVIEW

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Wednesday, March 24, 2010.
Congratulations

510. Legal Notices 510. Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

Estate of Frances Clare Fraser who died on
January 19, 2010.

If you have any claim against this estate, you must file
your claim by April 15, 2010 and provide details of your
claim

with:
Good Mahoney Lawson, Barrister &
Solicitors, Solicitors for the Personal
Representatives

at:
Suite 105, Lower Level Victoria Square Mall,
2034 - 19 Avenue, Box 1027, Didsbury,
Alberta TOM 0W0

If you do not file by the date above, the estate property
can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim
you may have.

5110. Houses For Rent

5610. Space For Lease

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DOING LAUNDRY SUCKS!

But not in "YOUR NEW HOME"! This 3 bdm home
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5130. Apartments For Rent

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Immediately. N/P, N/S
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5135. Suites For Rent

PRICE REDUCED "YOUR
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1 bdm lower walk-out suite
that includes, energy efficient
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new in-suite laundry and
kitchen appliances, tasteful
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5155. Shared Accommodations

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS
for new home in Didsbury

\$600.00 DD \$600.00/mth
utilities included. N/P, Smoking
outside 403-358-2698

5160. Condos For Rent

DIDSBUY 3 BEDROOM
Condo. 1.5 bath, washer &
dryer included. Deck
hardwood, available April 1
\$900/mth. SD. 403-254-2354

1005. Help Wanted

FRONT PORCH REALTY

36 Westhill Crescent
Nice area of town! 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, main floor laundry, great yard with R.V. parking and oversized single garage

\$269,900

1909 - 17 Street
Lovely maintenance free living, new hardwood floors, new paint and baseboards, 2 bedrooms, main floor laundry, double garage, -assessable HOA fees

\$239,900

1404 - 22 Street
Beautiful 2 year old home, fully finished, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, jetted tub, hardwood, kitchen island, walk-in closet in master, just move on in!

\$339,900

101 - 104, 1114 Nanton St. Carstairs
Super 4plex investment property! Each unit has 3 bedrooms & 2 bath, built in 2004, fully rented, on separate condo titles, good return on these newer units.

\$783,900

104, Westview Greens
Nice Adult condo apartment, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 9' ceilings, corner gas fireplace, main floor location, single garage

\$169,900

54 Didsbury Mobile Home Park
lots of recent upgrades, laminate floors, wood shives, newer windows, lots of perennials, on rented lot

\$35,000

1271 - 23 Avenue
Wonderful adult living with no condo fees! open plan, hardwood, 3 sided fireplace, sunroom, loft, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, great kitchen, much more!

\$334,900

3.01 Acres Ready For Your Dream Home!
Drilled well, fenced perimeter, centrally located just 7 minutes west of Olds

\$214,900

2125 - 25 Avenue
Great newer family home that is affordable, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, corner gas fireplace, covered front entry, tiered rear deck, nice area

\$279,900

#67, Didsbury Mobile Home Park
Beautiful home on rented lot, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, 1216 sq ft, only 3 years old, reasonable lot rent.

\$113,900

108 Westhill Close
Great opportunity! 1400+ sq ft and needing some attention, 3+2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, oversized double garage, great location

\$260,000

Mobile to be moved
Affordable option to set up on your acreage! 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1400 sq ft

\$19,900

THE PORCH BOYZ

Real estate market making you "shutter"?

105 Morris Place
Wool 1300 sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, hardened up and down, 9' ceilings up and down, interior heat in basement, gas fireplace, granite counter tops, great view to the west

\$479,900

2202 - 20 Street
Terrific commercial land in downtown Didsbury, 336 feet of frontage, fully serviced in 2 places, great location

\$569,900

2114 - 21 Avenue
THE BROWNSTONES OF DIDSBUY

Nothing like this in Didsbury!
Gorgeous 3 storey units, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, gas fireplace, single garage, no condo fees! Only 2 units left.

Starting at \$314,900 including GST

Mobile to be Moved

\$39,900

2102 - 20 Street
Great commercial opportunity! 5 commercial lots on busy mainstreet in Didsbury, 130' X 130' total

\$250,000

1553 McAlpine Street, Carstairs
Brand new home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, main floor laundry, vaulted ceilings, walk-through pantry, 9' basement, hardened and more!

\$368,742

12 Westhill Place
Affordable 4 bedroom duplex, 1 1/2 baths, fully developed, huge back yard with room for garage, excellent location

\$179,900

1 Valarosa Point
Beautiful modified bi-level, 1392 sq ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood, 3 sided gas fireplace, walk-in closet, much more

\$329,900

9 Southridge Crescent
Affordable mobile home on its own lot, backing onto coulee park

\$89,900

912 Carriage Lane Place, Carstairs
3 bedroom bungalow, 2 baths, hickory laminate floors, maple cabinetry, 3 sided gas fireplace, some basement development started, double detached garage

\$314,000

1901 - 14 Street
Wow, beautiful 5 bedroom family home with lots of unique extras, 2 - 2 sided fireplaces, beautiful kitchen, amazing ensuite shower system, huge lot

\$399,900

2143 - 22 Avenue
Well built home in great location, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas fireplace, hardwood, brick exterior, large lot, single garage

\$289,900

FRONT PORCH **ROCKS**

Didsbury Minor Soccer is holding a registration night on March 18th.

Watch for more information.

Call or email us to put your upcoming community event in this space!

2326 - 15 Avenue
Nice family home, 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, bubble jet tub, beautiful hardwood, single garage, large lot

\$254,900

39 Meadowview Court
Let your tenant help pay the mortgage! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceiling, gas fireplace, self contained 2nd floor, large lot, double garage, big lot

\$359,900

18 Valarosa Cove
Brand new and Beautiful over 1600 sq ft, hardwood, gas fireplace, open plan, 9' ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, main floor laundry, walk-out basement, and much more!

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